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NEWS

Air Pollution

EPA Overdue to Review Fairbanks Pollution, Lawsuit Says
Environmental groups ask a federal judge to set a deadline for the Environmental Protection Agency to review fine particle pollution in the Fairbanks North Star Borough in Alaska (Citizens for Clean Air v. McCarthy, W.D. Wash., No. 2:16-cv-01594,...

Air Pollution

Texas Sues EPA Over Ozone Plan Denial

Texas is suing the Environmental Protection Agency after the federal agency rejected the state's plan for preventing its emissions from hurting air quality in downwind states (Texas v. EPA, 5th Cir., No. 16-60670, 10/11/16)....

Chemicals

Canada to Prohibit Flame Retardants, Repellents

Canada is prohibiting or limiting the manufacture, use, sale or import of widely used flame retardants and water and grease repellents, citing their possibly harmful effects on human health and the environment....

Chemicals

Five Chemicals Fast-Track by EPA for Possible Control

Five chemicals that the Environmental Protection Agency says pose particular hazards due to how long they persist in the environment, how they bioaccumulate up the food chain and their toxicity are being fast-tracked for action to reduce...

Climate Science

NOAA Sees Growing Demand for Environmental Data

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Growing demand for environmental information that can be used in economic decision-making has made the nation's provider of weather and climate data learn how to talk to a different audience: business....

Drinking Water

Flint Crisis May Spur More State Tap Water Lawsuits: Cruden

The drinking water crisis in Flint, Mich., could motivate more states to pursue legal actions to address high lead levels and other concerns in their own communities' tap water, the top Justice Department environment attorney told...

Elections

Clinton, Gore Highlight Climate Change as Catalyst for Voters

Climate change is one of the most important issues in the election, and voters should elect officials who want to do something about it, Hillary Clinton said at a rally in Miami on Oct. 11....

Emissions Trading

UN Emission Credits Seem Set for Revival After 4-Year Slump

The value of emission credits will probably increase after a United Nations climate meeting next month, according to a law firm specializing in clean energy and the environment....

Energy

Crop Breeding, Automated Car Hold Climate Promise: Official

A pair of new energy technologies aimed at taking carbon out of the air and improving fuel efficiency could wield a substantial impact on the future of the global energy and climate system, a top energy department official said Oct. 10. ...

Energy Efficiency

Oil Glut Isn't Holding Back Energy Efficiency Gains: IEA

The world is squeezing more from the energy it uses even though markets are awash in cheap oil and natural gas, a report from the International Energy Agency showed....

Energy

Electric Car Battery Cost Plunge Could Reshape Industry

Plunging battery costs will drive the auto industry's biggest change in more than a century, enabling a boom by 2030 in technologies from self-driving electric cars to ride-sharing applications....

Enforcement

Methamphetamine Maker's Sentence in Waste Ruling Upheld

A North Carolina man's 19 year sentence for the manufacture of methamphetamine will stand after the Fourth Circuit found sufficient evidence that he violated federal hazardous waste law (United States v. McGee , 2016 BL 332610, 4th...

Enforcement

Volkswagen Approach May Be Used in Future Air Settlements

A \$2 billion fund to promote zero-emission vehicles in the pending Volkswagen settlement could be a model for future Clean Air Act enforcement actions, a Justice Department official told Bloomberg BNA in a recent interview....

International Climate

Refrigerant Deal Integral to Paris Climate Goals: Adviser

An "ambitious" global deal to phase down use of potent climate pollutant hydrofluorocarbons would be "the most significant and important step the international community could take" to meet the goals of the Paris accord...

Nanotechnology

Final Nanoengineered Chemicals Reporting Rule Under Review

A final rule that would require companies making or using nanoengineered chemicals to provide the Environmental Protection Agency with basic volume and health effects information about those chemicals is under White House review.

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Oil & Gas

More Regulation of Oil, Gas Extraction Expected: Attorneys

Resource extraction will probably be more heavily regulated in the near term, an energy attorney said during a panel session at the American Bar Association conference on environmental law in Denver. ...

Oil & Gas

Protests Rise as Energy Transfer Works on Dakota Pipeline

Energy Transfer Partners LP is moving forward with construction of the controversial Dakota Access Pipeline, rejecting the Obama administration's request that it voluntarily halt some work on the \$3.8 billion project....

Pesticides

Environmentalists Challenge Dow Weed Killer in Court

An environmental advocacy group has filed a lawsuit seeking a ban against a Dow Chemical Co. weed killer, the latest in a long string of suits challenging pesticides on Endangered Species Act grounds (Ctr. for Biological Diversity v. EPA , D.C....

Pipeline Safety

Rule Expands Use of Devices in Gas Pipes to Avoid Explosions

The use of safety devices, known as excess flow valves, installed on natural gas pipelines to reduce gas-related explosions has been expanded under an Oct. 11 Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration final rule....

Regulatory Policy

Monitoring Technology May Shift Company Action: EPA Official

Advances in monitoring technology under the Environmental Protection Agency's "NextGen" initiative have the power to drive "significant" changes in company behavior, a top environmental official said Oct. 11....

Regulatory Policy

Supreme Court Refuses Three Environmental Cases

Federal regulators preserved victories in two disputes when the U.S. Supreme Court refused Oct. 11 to review cases on protections for a West Coast fish species and approvals for work on a ski resort in a national forest. But at the same time, the...

Superfund

Mining Insurance Proposal Gets Review Amid Industry Concerns

A financial assurance rule for the hardrock mining industry is undergoing White House review, paving the way for a formal proposal in the coming weeks, but mining interests are concerned about its impacts....

Sustainability

Tyson Foods Looks Beyond Meat With New Investment

One of the world's largest producers of chicken, beef and pork has invested in a company that is looking to replace animal protein with plant protein.. ...

Taxes

VW Owners Urged to Mull Tax Effects of Emissions

Buyback

Volkswagen and Audi diesel car owners affected by the proposed settlement on diesel car emissions may want to consider the sales tax impact when deciding whether to take a buyback offer, keep their car or trade it in to a dealership, Connecticut...

Water Pollution

Will Justices Review Question of Venue for Water Rule Case?

Confusion over which federal court should hear challenges to the Clean Water Rule may provide incentive for the U.S. Supreme Court to resolve that question before it is asked to review the regulation on its merits, several attorneys told Bloomberg...

Water Resources

Climate Change Set to Heat Up Water Litigation Area

Climate change is going to heat up water rights litigation in upcoming years, including against the federal government, officials said Oct. 7....

CORRECTION

The Oct. 6 article "Bayer Risks Complex Toxics Liability in Monsanto Deal" should have stated that the World Health Organization found Monsanto's glyphosate pesticide is "probably" carcinogenic. Bloomberg BNA...

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